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men are grouped under the differing body heights from the lowest to the highest, with the variation of one centimeter, or about half an inch in each group.

After indicating that each of the features emphasized in the tables is of great importance, he says: "But for educational and developmental study where so much of the need of physical training now lies, for the training, strengthening, and developing of weak and poorly developed bodies, the *standard of stature* seems the safest and surest to work from."

R. W.

A UNIVERSITY COURSE IN STATISTICS.

In the Programme of Courses in Political Economy announced for 1892-93, by the University of Chicago, it is stated that a course in statistics will be given by Mr. Fisher. The scope of the instruction is indicated by the following paragraphs:—

The purpose of this course is to train students in the theory and methods of statistics. Inasmuch as economic principles throw light upon the proper choice and comparison of statistical data, a knowledge of the Course in Political Economy is a prerequisite to entrance into this course. On the other hand, statistical methods are needed for the correction and furthering of our knowledge of economic principles.

Attention will be given to the vast statistical material at hand, and the student will have an introduction into the bibliography of the subject. The growth of the study, establishment of statistical offices and their organization, collection and elaboration of data, detection and elimination of errors, presentation of results in tabular form, training in graphic representation, will form a part of the work.

Practical exercises will be required of each student in connection with the collection and presentation of statistics of mortality, insurance, production, population, wages, prices, trade, crime, etc. The great libraries of the city of Chicago will furnish exceptional advantages for this work.